What is claimed is:

1. A method for producing a powder-coated support, comprising the steps of:

applying a powdery resin composition to at least one side of a base paper, the powdery resin composition containing at least a thermoplastic resin; and

hot-pressing the powdery resin composition on the base paper.

2. A method for producing a powder-coated support according to Claim 1, further comprising electrostatically applying the powdery resin composition to the at least one side of the base paper.

3. A method for producing a powder-coated support according to Claim 1, wherein the step of hot-pressing comprises:

subjecting the coated layer of the powdery resin composition on the base paper to hot-pressing and then cooling with a belt member and a roller of a powder coating machine that can cool and thereby remove an article; and

removing the coated layer on the base paper from the belt member.

4. A method for producing a powder-coated support

according to Claim 3, further comprising:

hot-pressing the coated layer to a melt-starting temperature of the thermoplastic resin in the powdery resin composition or higher; and

cooling the heated and pressurized coated layer to a temperature of 80°C or lower.

5. A method for producing a powder-coated support according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic resin in the powdery resin composition is at least one selected from polyester resins, acrylic resins, styrene-acrylic resins, polyethylene resins, ionomer resins, and polyurethane resins.

6. A method for producing a powder-coated support according to Claim 1, wherein the powdery resin composition further contains a white pigment.

7. A method for producing a powder-coated support according to Claim 1, wherein the powdery resin composition further contains at least one of fine inorganic particles and fine organic particles.

8. A method for producing a powder-coated support according to Claim 1, wherein the powdery resin composition is one of a transparent powdery resin composition and a white powdery

resin composition.

9. A method for producing a powder-coated support according to Claim 3, wherein the belt member has a surface roughness in terms of an arithmetic average roughness Ra of 20μm or less.

10. A method for producing a powder-coated support according to Claim 3, wherein the belt member is an endless belt.

11. A method for producing a powder-coated support according to Claim 3, wherein the belt member has a layer on its surface, the layer containing at least one selected from silicone rubbers, fluorocarbon rubbers, silicone resins, fluorocarbon resins, and mixtures thereof.

12. A powder-coated support comprising:

a base paper; and

a resin layer disposed on at least one side of the base,

wherein the powder-coated support is produced by:

applying the powdery resin composition to at least one side of the base paper, the powdery resin composition containing at least a thermoplastic resin; and

hot-pressing the powdery resin composition on the base paper to thereby fuse and solidify the powdery resin

composition to form the resin layer.

13. A powder-coated support according to Claim 12, wherein the powdery resin composition is electrostatically applied to the at least one side of the base paper.

14. A powder-coated support according to Claim 12, wherein the powder-coated support has a Cobb sizing water absorbency of 10 g/m^2 or less.

15. A powder-coated support according to Claim 12, wherein the powder-coated support has a surface glossiness in terms of 20-degrees glossiness of 45 or more.

16. A powder-coated support according to Claim 12, wherein the powder-coated support is used in at least one of image forming materials and image fixing materials.

17. A powder-coated support according to Claim 16, wherein the powder-coated support is used in at least one selected from electrophotographic materials, thermosensitive materials, sublimation transfer materials, silver halide photographic materials, ink-jet recording materials, and thermal transfer materials.